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Bush asks Webster to stay longer at CIA

President Bush asked retiring CIA Director William Webster to stay on the job another month yesterday and, in a Cabinet meeting, expressed his "personal outrage" at some opponents of Robert M. Gates, his choice to fill the position.



Gates

Mr. Webster had been scheduled to step down July 31 and be replaced by Mr. Gates, the White House deputy national security adviser. But action on Mr. Gates' nomination has been delayed on Capitol Hill because of newly raised questions concerning CIA involvement in the Iran-Contra affair.

Mr. Gates was the CIA's No. 2 official under Director William J. Casey in 1986 as the affair unfolded.

Mr. Webster "graciously consented" to stay through August,